



**Fastpitch Board Meeting Minutes  
11/9/2011**

St. Croix Valley Girls Fast Pitch Association  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday  
11/9/2011  
7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order** Those who signed in- Betty Lindahl, Gary Lindahl, Melissa Fischer, Neil Fisher, Joe McQuillan, Michael Meyer, Sheri Celski, Garilyn Ehde, Leslie Germundson, Stephanie Murphy, Dylan Bell, Mike Burton, Dave Jordan, Duane Livingood, Dan McKay, Bob Beedle, Tom Houle.

2. **Review and approval of October Minutes** – Meeting minutes approved and are online.

3. **Treasurers Report** – provided by Glenda and reviewed by Dylan, there is \$32,822.17 in the bank. It was noted there was an additional field costs for fall ball clinics which the school district charged us even though Varsity coaches were part of the clinic. Next year we will confirm how to run with less expenses. It is noted that going forward permits will be much more sensitive.

4. **Winter Clinic Update**- Registration to be opened by 11/21 with Betty sending a mass email to org. This year they will run each session with 20 girls max. Sessions will be by age and 1 hour each on Tues or Thurs nights. Last year there were too many stations and Julie and Lisa will this year not run a station but, will roam all stations to critique and give feedback to the girls/coaches who are at each station.

10U (6-7), 12U (7-8), and 14U (8-9) and runs from Jan 10<sup>th</sup> week until March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Tom will confirm cost from Julie so we can set our pricing. The fee being drafted as of meeting is \$105 up from \$75 last year, with association not subsidizing this year. Dylan will look into Youth Advantage options for scholarships for Clinics if we get asked.

\*It was noted that those interested in coaching next summer it is highly suggested to assist at the clinic to get priority for coaching. Betty is putting together an email to distribute.

5. **Pitching Clinic Update** – Jessica Niebuhr is offering an intermediate pitching clinic thru the association at Bob Beedle's gym, and all information is online. Beginning pitching with Bob at his gym will start in January, for 7 weeks 2-3 nights per week. Bob is confirming dates and will provide to Betty so she can distribute an email.

**6. Birth Certificates Update** Lee Eisenburg is suggesting other ways to maintain the birth certificates for next year. This item was tabled for next month discussion at Dec. board meeting.

**7. Dome Ball Update – 12U and 14U coaches** –There has been a slight delays at the beginning of Sat Dome Ball and getting bases out of storage. It was confirmed the 1<sup>st</sup> coach there go to desk to get access to storage where bases are. 12U McQuillan team update, there are 12-13 which come every week and they are progressing. 12U Standering team there was positive feedback from parents at the meeting. They are looking to possible rotate playing 14U's going forward. 14U team- It is a large group of girls and his focus is on fundamentals and a needed focus on growing. Bob has added some hitting sessions at his gym for the 14u girls. Quality of the other teams wasn't as strong as we thought it would be. Next year we will look for a dedicated domeball coordinator whose focus is on reaching out to other strong organizations for higher quality teams to register. The goal is to make it an elite league. We also had an inquiry of getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> session going within Stillwater Dome and we have confirmed there is no availability as soccer has it reserved.

**8. T-shirts for Varsity Dome Ball** –There was a request to donate to the varsity domeball team ½ the cost of their uniform shirts which is \$30/girl for a total of \$315. This was not approved as no other teams were provided shirts for their domeball league.

**9. Equipment Needs 2012** –Gary Lindahl is requesting coaches feedback for equip needs for next year. Last year they spent 10K on equipment and we are not estimating we will need to spend that much on equip. There is a guideline discussed for equip spending at 10% of registration numbers. This guideline would be \$6,000 at this point but, it will be based on registration numbers and board approval.

Gary is pulling a list together and submitting to coaches for their feedback per level. They will also go to Dave's Sporting Goods @ the lumberyard to let them bid on the equip, also and to keep it local ask them to match the price. Suggestions at the meeting for equip needed were more tees, wheels for the jugs machines, scorebooks, lite flights, batting bags, small bags for catchers gear, 10U gear updates, and adding another lite flight machine.

**10. Volunteer Appreciation/December Meeting** – Next meeting will be help at back room at Acapulco for 6:00 meeting then social hour, with appetizers supplied for those volunteers, and board members who attend. This has been set for Wed. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. A motion was approved, and Dylan will reserve the room.

**11. Competition Committee Update** The committee held their first meeting and they have drafted a separate document with their meeting notes those notes have been updated to website, and if there are any question you are to email Bob Beedle any questions. Summary from the discussion:

10U-We need to continue to raise the bar and this year they know more what the rule changes at 10U level meant for competition. Last year we were placed too far down with B and C teams. Depending on 10U talent next year it would be looked at placing teams into A and B Brackets this year, and not C. The discussion revolved around having a 10U evaluation

and base how teams are decided on that evaluation. There was discussion if there will be 5 equal teams versus splitting top 24 into two teams, and remaining teams will be split after.

The committee and board discussed there will be no 10U tournament team pulled together for additional tournaments or end of year national tournament.

12u-teams will be placed based on tryout results. A team will have up to 3 pitchers. \*All head coaches must completed end of year survey per player so they have that to use as an additional factor for placement. Parents are not allowed to see anyone else's score or placement. They may only see where their child placed in relation to others during tryout in position #. (No specific names or scores are giving out) They may also get feedback on areas for improvement based on their scoring areas.

14U-It is suggested as an organization philosophy to move Stillwater Fastpitch 14U to a much more competitive level in the 14U division, placing them into elite and A levels. This year there are 5 pitchers for Elite and A level. This will be based on #'s and talent pool. If there are players at a more recreational level it is possible to look at Hudson rec league for placement. The season starts later for 14U at the end of May.

16U/18U- discussion was limited at this level but, there was discussion of potential 2 teams for 16U, and an 18U elite team. There will be further discussion regarding this level.

## **12. Open Forum-**

\*Betty discussed there are 8 voting positions which the board is to have an odd number of voting positions. The possibilities discussed were adding a VP or having a dome coordinator be an additional board/voting position.

\*Mike Meyer mentioned all head coaches there are concussions training links available to meet qualifications. Betty will post on website.

\*Leslie commented the Lumberyard has field availability for ideas for spring practices. They are open 2-5 afternoons, and are \$60/hour. Dylan has provided Bob the contacts to reach out to them for partnering.

**13. Next meeting** - Next Meeting Scheduled for Wed. Dec 7th at 6:00 p.m at Alcapulco Restaurant back room.

## **14. Adjourn**

